

JOEL CRUTTENDEN.

APRIL 24, 1850.  
Laid upon the table.

Mr. CROWELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Joel Cruttenden, report:*

That it appears, from a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, made a part of this report and printed with it, that no legislation is necessary, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the petitioner have leave to withdraw the papers on file in this case.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Office of Indian Affairs, February 5, 1850.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, enclosing a petition of Joel Cruttenden, esq., claiming compensation for losses on uncurrent money while in the service of the United States, in relation to which you desire information.

From the papers on file in this office, there appears to be some uncertainty as to the extent to which Mr. Cruttenden suffered loss, or at least some discrepancy between the information they afford and what is stated in his petition, and which he could no doubt readily explain. I have therefore deemed it but just and proper that he should be afforded an opportunity of doing so, and have caused him to be written to on the subject. With the permission of the committee, I therefore propose to retain the petition, and defer a report upon it until he can be heard from. That Mr. Cruttenden suffered a loss to some extent in the manner he states, there can be no doubt; and I am under the impression that his claim, arising, as it does, out of the execution of a trust committed to him in the performance of duties assigned by the executive department, is one of that class which can properly be adjusted and settled by the department, without any other application to Congress, if any at all be necessary, than one from it for such appropriation as may be necessary to pay the amount which may be found justly due to him.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ORLANDO BROWN.

HON. JOHN CROWELL,  
*Committee on Indian Affairs,  
House of Representatives, Washington city.*